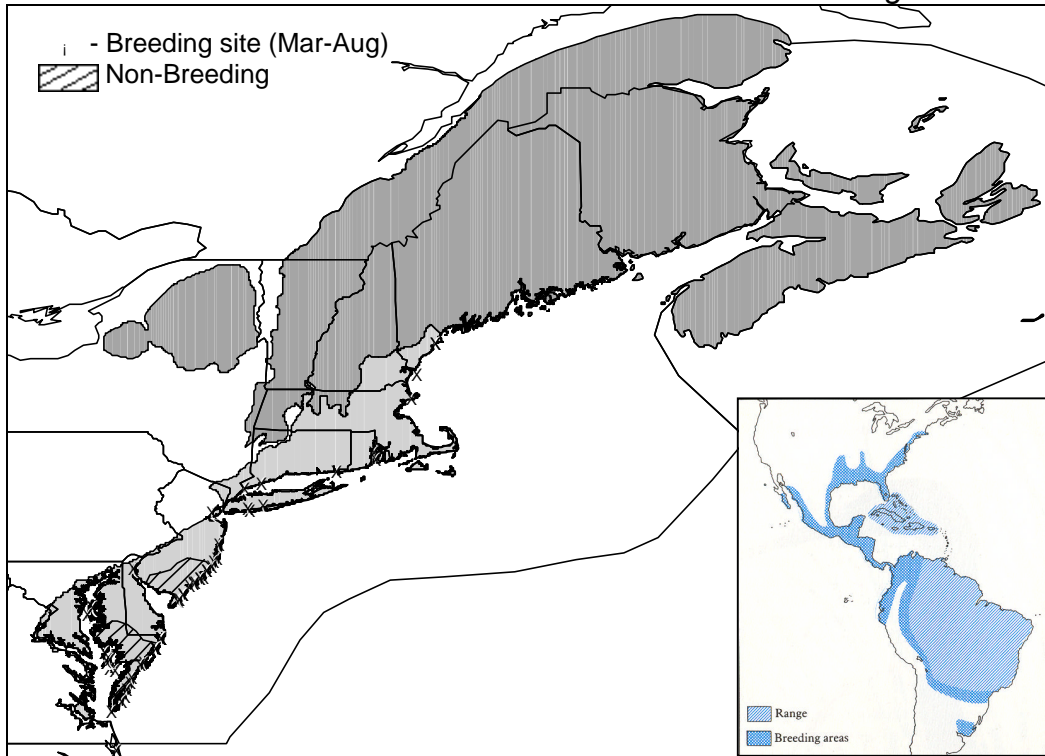


LITTLE BLUE HERON

Egretta caerulea



Regional Occurrence (BCRs 14, 30)

- Distribution: breeds in region; migrates in BCR 14; winters in BCR 30
- Habitats used: marshes, swampy woods, tidal estuaries, lagoons, mangroves and streams; breeding primarily in tall trees

NAWCP BD=? ; NAWCP ND=?

Regional Abundance

- 1990s population size: US—3,190 (53 colonies); CAN—0
- 1970s population size: US—2,334 (41 colonies)
- 36.7% increase in regional population

NAWCP PS=2; NAWCP PT=4

Regional Threats

- Vulnerable to disturbance/development of nesting and foraging sites
- Affected by severe weather and alteration/erosion of shoreline habitat
- Susceptible to pesticides and environmental contaminants
- Collisions with power lines, support wires, and vehicles

NAWCP TB=4; NAWCP TN=4

Conservation Status: Abundance (b=breeding, nb=nonbreeding, t=total individuals) and Conservation Rank

Global	North America	BCR 14	BCR 30	Mid-Atlantic	S. New England	Gulf of Maine	Maritimes
>300,000 – 450,000t	200,000 – 300,000b	0b	3,190b	3,146b	15b	29b	0b
IUCN- Not Evaluated	NAWCP- High Concern (PI=30%)	High (PI=0%)	High (PI=1-2%)	NJ- S2B; DE-S1B MD-S3B; VA-S2B, S3N	NY-S2; CT-S1B, SZN; RI-S1B, S2N; MA-S1; VT-na	MA-S1; NH-SZN ME-S1B; NB, NS- no info	QC-SN; PE- no info NB, NS- no info

Conservation Needs: *Sustainability:* 2.7 fledglings / successful nest; *Foraging Habitat:* mean 10 km from coastal colony (2.9-10.2 km); various freshwater and marine-estuarine wetland habitats; shallow water and often uses densely vegetated foraging sites; choices highly variable; open pools and channel edges of *Spartina* marshes; *Issues:* Some states prohibit trespassing into heron colonies and surrounding buffer zones, especially during the breeding season; *Needs:* monitor; *Population Goals:* maintain (above minimum), target 2,900-3,500b; *Habitat Goals:*